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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been amended to improve the clarity of the claimed subject

matter and to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. practice and format, and to

place the application fully in condition for allowance. All of the amendments are

believed to be fully supported by the original disclosure of this application and therefore

should not constitute the introduction of any new matter into this case. The original

Abstract has been amended to provide a more concise summary of the disclosure in

accordance with U.S. practice format.

Claims 1-5 remain pending upon entry of the amendments to the claims above.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 would be allowable

if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second

paragraph. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to place same in full

compliance with all requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 are

now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being

indefinite. The Examiner objected to the original claim language in which the front and

rear side bars where indicated as being rotatable with respect to the top bar. Original

claim 1, line 5, has been amended to recite that the front and rear side bars (24, 26) are

connected to the top bar (22), as illustrated in at least Figures 1 and 2. As shown in

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Figure 5, the top bars (22), shown in Figure 1, are pivotable with respect to the

respective top rings (18). The manner in which the top bars 22 are rotatable with

respect to the top ring 18 can be performed in any manner that is well known in the art,

i.e., a ball and socket arrangement or a flexible band that connects the top bars 22 to

the top ring 18.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks above, withdrawal of

this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present

application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to

Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone

or facsimile at the numbers provided below.

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